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AND A PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated February 6, 2004, wherein the pending claims were objected to and variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§103 and 112 (first paragraph). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.